

United States District Court Northern District of Illinois
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Case Title: Securities and Exchange Commission <div style="text-align: center;">VS.</div> Arete Wealth Management, LLC, et al.	Plaintiff(s) Defendant(s)
Case Number: 1:25-cv-00616	Judge: Honorable Lindsay C. Jenkins

I, Christine Dessa Ely hereby apply to the Court
 under Local Rule 83.14 for permission to appear and participate in the above-entitled action on behalf of
Securities and Exchange Commission by whom I have been retained.

I am a member in good standing and eligible to practice before the following courts:

Title of Court	Date Admitted
New York Sup. Ct., App. Div. 1st Dept.	Jun. 23, 2009
Southern District of New York	Feb. 5, 2013
Supreme Court of the United States	Apr. 27, 2015
Eastern District of New York	May 7, 2021

I have currently, or within the year preceding the date of this application, made pro hac vice applications to this Court in the following actions:

Case Number	Case Title	Date of Application (Granted or Denied)*

*If denied, please explain:
 (Attach additional form if
 necessary)

Has the applicant ever been:

censured, suspended, disbarred, or otherwise disciplined by any court?

Yes

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No

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or is the applicant currently the subject of an investigation of the applicant's professional conduct?

Yes

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No

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transferred to inactive status, voluntarily withdrawn, or resigned from the bar of any court?

Yes

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No

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denied admission to the bar of any court?

Yes

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held in contempt of court?

Yes

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No

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NOTE: If the answer to *any* of the above questions is yes, please attach a brief description of the incident(s) and the applicant's current status before any court, or any agency thereof, where disciplinary sanctions were imposed, or where an investigation or investigations of the applicant's conduct may have been instituted.

I have read the Rules of Professional Conduct for the Northern District of Illinois and the Standards for Professional Conduct within the Seventh Federal Judicial Circuit, and will faithfully adhere to them. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

February 24, 2025

s/ Christine D. Ely

Date

Electronic Signature of Applicant

Applicant's Name	Last Name Ely		First Name Christine		Middle Name/Initial D.
	Applicant's Law Firm U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission				
Applicant's Address	Street Address 100 Pearl Street				Room/Suite Number 20-100
	City New York	State NY	ZIP Code 10004	Work Phone Number and Email 212-336-5464 elyc@sec.gov	

(The pro hac vice admission fee is \$150.00 and shall be paid to the Clerk. No admission under Rule 83.14 is effective until such time as the fee has been paid.)

NOTE: Attorneys seeking to appear pro hac vice may wish to consider filing a petition for admission to the general bar of this Court. The fee for admission to the General Bar is \$181.00. The fee for pro hac vice admission is \$150.00. Admission to the general bar permits an attorney to practice before this Court. Pro hac vice admission entitles an attorney to appear in a particular case only. Application for such admission must be made in each case; and the admission fee must be paid in each case.

Christine D. Ely

Pro Hac Vice Application Addendum

Explanation of “Yes” to the question “Has the applicant ever been transferred to inactive status, voluntarily withdrawn or resigned from the bar of any court?”

I was admitted to the District of Columbia bar on March 18, 2011. I maintained active status in D.C. until 2020, when I allowed my D.C. bar membership to lapse because I do not practice law in D.C. From 2020-2024, my membership status was administratively suspended for failure to remit payment for licensing fees, which is not a disciplinary suspension. As of February 21, 2025, my membership status is “inactive membership in good standing.”